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The Office Action of January 12, 2004 has been received and both the Examiner's comments and reference cited carefully considered. In the Action, claims 1 - 11 were allowed and claims 12 - 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amendt in view of Barradas.

In response to the Office Action, claims 12 - 21 have been canceled.

Eleven claims remain after this amendment, one independent claim. Twenty one claims, five independent claims, were previously paid for. Applicant believes no fee is due with this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-1375.

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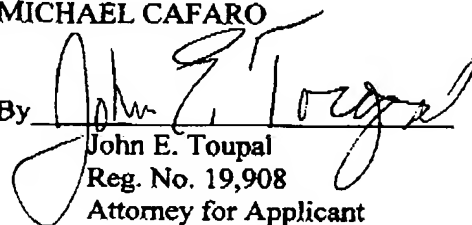
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In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant now believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action is most respectfully requested.

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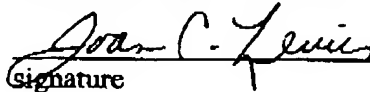
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